

## HOUSE BILL NO. 627

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM OFFERING A PRODUCT, GROWN OR CREATED AT PUBLIC EXPENSE, IN DIRECT COMPETITION WITH A FOR-PROFIT ENTITY ALREADY OFFERING THE PRODUCT; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. County prohibited from direct competition with for-profit product.**

A county may not offer a product, grown or created at public expense, for sale or use to the general public if a for-profit entity is offering a similar product in that county.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Municipality prohibited from direct competition with for-profit product.** A municipality may not offer a product, grown or created at public expense, for sale or use to the general public if a for-profit entity is offering a similar product in that municipality.

**NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.** (1) [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 7, chapter 5, part 21, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 5, part 21, apply to [section 1].  
(2) [Section 2] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 7, chapter 5, part 41, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 5, part 41, apply to [section 2].

**NEW SECTION. Section 4. Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

**NEW SECTION. Section 5. Applicability.** [This act] applies to products offered by a county or municipality after [the effective date of this act].

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